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In re application of : Anthony M. Chiu

U.S. Serial No. : 09/656,985

Filed : September 7, 2000

For : SURFACE MOUNT PACKAGE FOR LINEAR ARRAY  
SENSORS

Group No. : 2811

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 29, 2001, Applicants provisionally elect the claims of Group II, claims 1-7, WITH TRAVERSE.

The Restriction Requirement asserts that the method and device claims are distinct based on the contention that the device claims may be manufactured by a materially different process. Specifically, the Office Action asserts that the integrated circuit devices may be packaged after being mounted on the circuit board.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that the integrated circuits formed according to the

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present invention might, at least theoretically, be packaged after being mounted on the circuit board. A Preliminary Amendment to the claims is being concurrently filed to eliminate the implication that packaging is required before mounted. Accordingly, the basis for the restriction requirement has been obviated.


If any issue arises, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *dvenglarik@novakov.com*.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

Respectfully submitted,

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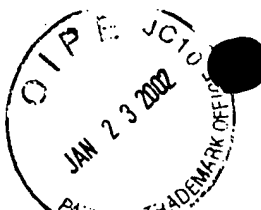
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The undersigned hereby certifies that the following documents:

- 1) Preliminary Amendment;
- 2) Response to Restriction Requirement; and
- 3) Postcard receipt;

relating to the above application, were deposited as "First Class Mail", with the United States Postal Service, addressed to Box Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on December 31, 2001.

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